

**BIG LAKES COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2022**

Minutes of the Big Lakes County Regular Council Meeting held at the County Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT WERE:

Reeve:	Robert Nygaard, Faust
Deputy Reeve:	Jim Zabolotniuk, N. Gilwood/ Triangle
Councillor:	Tyler Airth, HP East/ Banana Belt (Zoom)
	Jeff Chalifoux, Grouard
	Roberta Hunt, Kinuso
	Richard Mifflin, Jousard
	Lane Monteith, Enilda/ Big Meadow
	Ann Stewart, S. Sunset House/ Gilwood (Zoom)
	Garrett Zahacy, Prairie Echo/ Salt Prairie
Administration:	Jordan Panasiuk, CAO (Zoom)
	Vic Abel, Director of Public Works
	Brett Hawken, Director of Community & Protective Services (Zoom)
	Jessica Plante, Recording Secretary
	Bronte Collett, Communications Coordinator
	Pat Olansky, Director of Planning & Development
	Kim Moore, Grants Officer
Delegation:	Brian Locher, MPE Engineering
	Deanna Basarab, Alberta Labour
Press:	Richard Froese, South Peace News

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Nygaard called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO
THE AGENDA:**

2022-10-203 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the May 11, 2022, agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

2022-10-204 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the April 20, 2022, Special Budget Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2022-10-205 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that April 27, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES:**

ACTION LIST:

2022-10-206 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that the action list be received for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Zahacy arrived at the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Councillor Hunt stepped out of the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and returned at 10:17 a.m.

Councillor Airth joined the meeting by zoom at 10:29 a.m.

DELEGATIONS:

MPE

ENGINEERING: Brian Locher, and Mirek Grzeszczuk with MPE Engineering presented Council with the Offsite Levy Assessment they created for Big Lakes County.

STAFF REPORTS:

2022-10-207 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the following Staff Reports be received for information:

- Interim Director of Corporate Services
- Director of Planning & Development
- Director of Public Works
- Director of Community & Protective Services

CARRIED

A break was taken from 11:31 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION:

POLICY REVIEW – ADMIN-04 MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND POLICY:

2022-10-208 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MIFFLIN** that the policy Admin-04 Municipally Owned Land Policy be received for information.

CARRIED

BYLAW REVIEW – BYLAW# 04-95 TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF TREASURER:

2022-10-209 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that Bylaw #4-95 To Provide for the Position of Treasurer be rescinded.

CARRIED

The meeting recessed for lunch break at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

Councillor Stewart arrived at the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Councillor Airth arrived at the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES:

2022 BUSINESS REFURBISHMENT GRANT – RECIPIENT SELECTION:

2022-10-210 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that Council approves \$2,000 towards the following five (5) businesses through the Business Refurbishment program:

1. Faust General Store
2. Korner Kitchen
3. EC Bar Ranch
4. Obsession Beads
5. Shady Orchard Winery

CARRIED

SARDA NEW BUILDING ASK FOR ASSISTANCE:

2022-10-211 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ZAHACY** that the request from SARDA for new building assistance be received for information and that administration be directed to include funding in the amount of \$30,000 in the 2023 budget.

CARRIED**DELEGATIONS CON'T:****ALBERTA LABOUR**

& IMMIGRATION: Deanna Basarab Workforce Consultant, Alberta Labour and Immigration and Greg Radstak, Employer in High Prairie presented Council with information regarding the Rural Renewal Stream program. The program is an economic immigration program that nominates individuals for permanent residence in Alberta. The program is community driven.

COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES CON'T:**PIONEER THRESHERMANS ASSOCIATION – LETTER OF SUPPORT:**

2022-10-212 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to draft a letter of support to the Pioneer Threshermen's Association in support of their Alberta Culture Days grant application.

CARRIED**FAUST COMMUNITY LEAGUE – HAMLET CLEAN-UP GRANT:**

2022-10-213 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CHALIFOUX** that a sponsorship grant for Hamlet Clean-up in the amount of \$1,000 be approved for the Faust Community League.

CARRIED

2022-10-214 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that administration be directed to include funding in the 2023 budget for community clean-up events.

CARRIED**AMEND ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW – INCLUDE CATS:**

2022-10-215 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MONTEITH** that administration be endorsed to bring forward an amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw No. 12-2017 to include regulating cats within the hamlets.

CARRIED

A break was taken from 1:52 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

**INFORMATION/
CORRESPONDENCE:**

2022-10-216 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that administration be directed to arrange a meeting with Hon. Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks to address the Horse Lakes flooding.

CARRIED

2022-10-217 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE ZABOLOTNIUK** that the information/correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED**CLOSED SESSION:**

2022-10-218 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the meeting go into closed session at 2:22 p.m. to discuss negotiations as per section 27, Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

CARRIED

2022-10-219 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR STEWART** that the meeting come out of closed session at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2022-10-220 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR AIRTH** that administration be directed to investigate and bring back a life cycle study on county fleet vehicles.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2022-10-221 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HUNT** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Robert Nygaard, Reeve

Jordan Panasiuk, CAO